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Application Number	09/502,126
Filing Date	February 10, 2000
Examiner Name	Karla A. Moore
First Named Inventor	Ponnekanti, Hari et al.
Art Unit	1763
Attorney Docket Number	A4142/T40300

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Two Postcards

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2003**

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 860

Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims		Fees from below		Fee Paid	
Total Claims	32	-61** =	0	X\$18	=	\$0	
Independent Claims	2	-4** =	0	X\$84	=	\$0	
Multiple Dependent				X	=		

  

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description		Fee Paid	
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)				
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20			
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			

SUBTOTAL (2)

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description		Fee Paid	
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)				
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification			
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination			
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		110	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month			
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month			
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal			
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing			
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee			
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee			
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications			
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		750	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HARI PONNEKANTI et al.

Application No.: 09/502,126

Filed: February 10, 2000

For: A PROCESS AND AN  
INTEGRATED TOOL FOR LOW  
K DIELECTRIC DEPOSITION  
INCLUDING A PECVD  
CAPPING MODULE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 4779

Examiner: Karla A. Moore

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1763

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In conjunction with filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time to file this amendment and RCE is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.